

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 24 to page 11, lines 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Also shown in FIG. 4 is a device 20Z similar to device 20X of FIG. 3. Device 20Z comprises the following three main subsystems:

- a short-range wireless transceiver subsystem ~~21~~28 for communicating with the wireless portals such as portal 51B.
- a cellular radio subsystem 22 for sending and receiving data over a data-capable bearer service of PLMN 10.
- a data-handling subsystem 25 that interfaces with both the short-range wireless transceiver subsystem ~~21~~28 and the cellular radio subsystem 22 via appropriate interfaces. The data-handling subsystem 25, when so instructed by the device user through a device user interface (not shown), runs a retrieval program 29 for requesting retrieval of specific local information from a service system 40. In the present case, the user can select one of three different types of specific information to be retrieved, as will be more fully explained below.

The data-handling subsystem 25 will generally be integrated with the other subsystems ~~21~~28 and 22 into a single device; however, it would be possible to provide the subsystems in two or more separate physical elements appropriately linked together to operate as a single device.

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 26-29 with the following amended paragraph:

The operation of the device 20Z for the retrieval of specific local information will now be described with reference to FIG. 5 that shows the main steps carried out by the retrieval program ~~26~~29.

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, line 30 to page 13, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

A user equipped with device 20Z wishes to know their location. The user is adjacent wireless portal 51B and activates the retrieval program 29 of device 20Z and indicates (using a user interface of the device 20Z) that location-type specific information is to be retrieved. The program 29 then controls the capture of characterizing data in respect of the portal 51B by first capturing local information transmitted from portal 51B (step 61) and then ascertaining the cell ID of the PLMN cell in which the device 20Z is currently camped (step 62). The characterizing data is now included into request message 55 along with a request type indicator indicating that location information is required (step 63). Message 55 (see FIG. 4) is then sent via a data-capable bearer service of PLMN 10 and internet 39 to the service system ~~55~~40. The request handler 41 of service system processes the request in the manner indicated above, matching the characterizing data in the request message 55 with that held in the corresponding portal record in database 42 and then returning the location of the portal in a response message 56. The response message 56 is received back by device

~~56Z~~20Z (step 67) and assuming that the service system has not requested further information (checked in step 66), the location information is presented to the user via the device user interface (step 68) and the retrieval program terminated (step 68).